(a) the number of cases of nexus between the militants and officials of Jammu and Kashmir Administration detected during 1990 and 1991 till date; and

(b) the action taken against the concerned officers in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The details are awaited from the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

Expansion of U.P. Link Road

1296. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Administration is considering a proposal to expand the U.P. Link Road (Noida Road) from four lanes to six lanes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the work is likely to be sanctioned and target date of completion of work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Constitutionally, this Ministry is responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways only. All other roads/bridges are essentially the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territories concerned. The road in question is a State road and Delhi Administration is the executing agency. According to information received from them, it is proposed to widen the road from its junction with National Highway 24 bypass to Chilla regulator (3.83 Km) and to strengthen the existing road.

(c) Since the proposal is still under consideration, it is too early to give the target date for completion of the work.

Vishakhapatnam Shipyard

1297. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation of Union of Visakhapatnam Shipyard led by CITU leaders and Members of Parliament met the Minister on 24th July, 1991 in connection with approval for the Memorandum of Understanding arrived between Shipyard Management and the Unions, if so, whether the Minister has assured them to look into the matter;

(b) if so, whether Government have approved the Memorandum of Understanding for its implementation; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir. A delegation of Union of Visakhapatnam Shipyard led by CITU leaders and Members of Parliament met the Minister on 24th July, 1991 in connection with approval for the Memorandum of Understanding arrived at between Shipyard Management and the Unions. The Minister heard their problems.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) H.S.L: is passing through a phase of acute financial crisis. The accumulated losses upto 31-3-91 are about Rs 350.00 crores. The Yard has been unable even to meet its obligation with regard to payment of existing salaries to its employees and it has had to be bailed out by providing budgetary support.

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1298. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question